

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7 and 9 to 15 are pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 9 are independent.¹ Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, we thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9 to 14 are allowable, and for the indication that claims 2 to 4 recite allowable subject matter.

As required by the Examiner, a new title has been proposed in the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith. Approval thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 15 were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 7,215,170 (Kang); and claim 5 was rejected over Kang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,559,693 (Tung).

We note that Kang has an earliest effective date of September 16, 2003. This is after the April 28, 2003 filing date of the German application to which the subject application claims priority (German application no. 10319089.9). The text of that German application is identical to the PCT application to which this U.S. application claims priority. A certification is enclosed, which indicates that the translation of the PCT application is an accurate English translation of the original German text (the same text as German application no. 10319089.9)². Accordingly, removal of Kang is respectfully requested. In this regard, since all of the rejections require Kang, we respectfully request removal of all rejections.

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¹ The Examiner is urged to independently confirm this recitation of the pending claims.

² Three typographical errors in the translation were identified: (1) page 10, line 6, "to" is missing between "according" and "the figure"; (2) page 10, line 23, "s" is missing in "embodiment"; and (3) page 11, line 12, "first" is dispensable. Error (3) is in the claims, and is not being corrected herein. Errors (1) and (2) are corrected herein.

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